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CHAFEE ANNOUNCES HUD GRANTS TO WARWICK, CRANSTON AND WOONSOCKET

Community Development Block Grants totaling \$4.6 Million

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee today announced that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded a total of \$4,635,717 to three Rhode Island communities. The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning & Development has allocated the funding to the cities of Cranston, Warwick and Woonsocket for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). The CDBG program is designed to benefit low and moderate-income persons through housing rehabilitation, public services, public facilities and economic development.

"As our states continues to experience a severe shortage of affordable housing," noted Senator Chafee, "I am pleased that these Rhode Island communities are continuing to receive federal support for these important activities."

The City of Cranston will receive a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$1,297,000. HUD has awarded \$1,044,000 to the City of Warwick, and \$1,642,000 to the City of Woonsocket. In addition, Woonsocket will also receive \$598,717 from the HOME Investment Partnership Program to assist in the production of affordable rental and homeowner housing. Another \$54,000 from the Emergency Shelter Grant Program will be distributed to private non-profit organizations in Woonsocket to help the city's emergency shelters for the homeless.